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FOR EXIMBANK PRESIDENT FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: EFIN, NU  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF EXIMBANK LAWYER TO NICARAGUA

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT EXIMBANK ATTORNEY BRUCE MAXWELL VISITED NICARAGUA THIS PAST WEEKEND ON EXIMBANK BUSINESS, REPORTEDLY IN CONNECTION WITH LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE \$8 MILLION EXIMBANK LOAN TO THE GON FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROAD-BUILDING EQUIPMENT. THIS EMBASSY FIRST HEARD OF THE VISIT FROM NICARAGUAN BUSINESSMEN WHO INQUIRED AS TO WHY MAXWELL WAS COMING AND WHETHER THEY MIGHT MEET WITH HIM TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS THEY HAVE PENDING WITH EXIMBANK. EXIMBANK DID NOT NOTIFY THIS EMBASSY IN ADVANCE OF MAXWELL'S VISIT EITHER AS TO WHEN HE WOULD BE ARRIVING OR AS TO THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT. WHILE HE WAS HERE, HE DID NOT, TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, CONTACT THIS EMBASSY.

2. I CONSIDER IT HIGHLY IRREGULAR AND INAPPROPRIATE THAT AN OFFICIAL OF A USG AGENCY SHOULD COME TO THIS OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY ON OFFICIAL, OVERT BUSINESS WITHOUT PRIOR EMBASSY CLEARANCE OR NOTIFICATION. THAT AN OFFICIAL WOULD COME AND GO WITHOUT INFORMING THE EMBASSY ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES IS, TO SAY THE LEAST, DISCOURTEOUS. MY EMBASSY WOULD HAVE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH MR. MAXWELL THE ABOVE LOAN AS WELL AS OTHER RELATED MATTERS. WE WERE NOT GIVEN THAT OPPORTUNITY.

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3. FURTHERMORE, IT BORDERS ON THE ABSURD THAT THIS EMBASSY IS LEFT IN THE DARK ABOUT AN OFFICIAL VISITOR FROM A USG AGENCY WHEN SEVERAL OF OUR OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR CONTACTS ARE PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF AND, IN SOME CASES, HAVE DISTORTED VIEWS ABOUT THE VISIT. THE USG IS THUS MADE TO APPEAR UNCOORDINATED AND SOMEWHAT RIDICULOUS.

4. I TRUST THAT YOU SHARE WITH ME MY CONCERN THAT ALL USG AGENCIES SHOULD PROVIDE TIMELY NOTICE TO APPROPRIATE US AMBASSADORS BEFORE TRAVELLING ABROAD TO CONDUCT OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF ANY KIND. SUCH NOTIFICATION WOULD ENABLE EMBASSIES TO INFORM PROPOSED OFFICIAL TRAVELLERS OF ANY SPECIAL LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MIGHT PERTAIN AND TO OFFER APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE WHICH MIGHT FACILITATE THE SUCCESS OF THE VISITOR'S MISSION.

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